GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5017
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2005
RECRUITMENT IN ARMY ON FAKE DOCUMENTS
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Mahato Shri Sunil Kumar;Renge Patil Shri Tukaram Ganpatrao;Satpathy Shri Tathagata

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has unearthed a racket for allegedly supplying forged domicile certificates and affidavits to those seeking jobs in the armed forces as reported in the Hindu dated April 14, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Army officials found involved in the said racket and the action taken against them;

(d) the number of people recruited in the past on the basis of forged documents; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) There is a media report that local police authorities have apprehended three persons, who were issuing forged domicile certificates to the candidates for recruitment, away from the recruitment area.

(b) The case is being investigated by the local police.

(c) No involvement of serving Army personnel has been reported so far. In case, any Army personnel is found to be involved, strict disciplinary action will be taken.

(d) & (e): A stringent system of verification of each candidates status is being followed for recruitment in the Army. Documents submitted by the candidates are always sent to the issuing authority for confirmation before the candidate is finally recruited. If at any stage, documents are found to be forged, the candidature of the candidate is cancelled and the candidate is discharged from service. In addition, the recruiting procedure is being constantly reviewed to ensure transparency and openness. Measures like verification of character certificates, antecedents and domicile certificates have also been put in place to curb malpractices and touting activities.